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1. There was no standard pattern being followed in the construction of military buildings, such as warehouses, barracks, etc., in Czechoslovakia. The size and type of a building varied, generally, to conform to existing structures in the caserne or the immediate area. All construction was under the direct control of the Ministry of National Defense. Some casernes constructed prior to 1914, and others built in the period after World War I but before World War II were still being used . Any new buildings within the old casernes generally followed the same design and size as the buildings already in the casernes. Barracks varied in height from one to four stories, in width from 10 to 15 m. and in length from 100 to 160 m. Warehouses were generally one or two stories in height, with storage space on the first floor and office space on the second floor. I think that from 40 to 500 men could be housed in one barrack, depending on its size. In my opinion, no effort was being made to standardize military buildings.
  2. Although military buildings in Czechoslovakia were not standardized, the following is true of barracks buildings.
    - a. Dimensions, length, width and height: generally they conformed to the dimensions of existing buildings
    - b. Capacity: 40 to 500 men
    - c. Type of roof: Usually a hip roof with reinforced concrete or tile roofing.

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d. Materials used in construction: generally stone or brick, although some structures were built chiefly of wood.

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4. Construction of civilian buildings was practically nonexistent. All construction materials were controlled by the government, which meant that all available materials were being ear-marked for government construction only; this included construction of military buildings.

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